Withdrawal of Cogentrix Power Corporation

1480. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the circumstances which led to the withdrawal of Cogentrix Power Corporation from the Mangalore Power Project; and

(b) what are the pros and cons of the withdrawal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) M/s Cogentrix Energy Inc. (Cogentrix), have informed that with effect from February 11, 2000 they have transferred their interests in the 1000 MW Mangalore Power Project and the Mangalore Power Company (MPC) to China Light (Mauritius) Ltd., and that they have no further interests in the project or the Company. No reasons have been conveyed by them for withdrawing from the project.

(b) Government has not perceived any adverse effects on investors on account of withdrawal by Cogentrix. As regards future of the project, M/s CLP Power International, who are partners in the project, have addressed a letter dated 2.2.2000 to the Government of Karnataka stating they are committed to implement the project by choosing an Indian partner, who would hold at least 30% of equity in MPC and in any case, the CLP International Ltd., will retain at least 50% share holding.

Requirement of power

1481. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated total requirement of power by the end of this century, State-wise;

(b) whether any nation-wide assessment has been made for both domestic and agricultural power requirement;

(c) the estimated power generation capacity both in public and

private sectors as on date; and

(d) whether Government have a proposal to purchase power from Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) State-wise total requirement of power during the period April, 1999 to December, 1999 is given in the Statement. *(See* below).

(b) The 15th Electrict Power Survey Committee report indicates the sectoral energy requirement, *inter-alia,* of domestic and agricultural sectors for the country as a whole by the end of the century (i.e. as 31.12.1999).

(c) As on 31.1.2000, out of total installed capacity of 95242.04 (excluding wind power) the share of public sector and that of private sector was 87786.42 and 7455.62 MW, respectively.

(d) There was a proposal to purchase power from Pakistan. Government of Pakistan had confirmed availability of 300 MW of capacity for export to India for next 10 years which could be increased to 600 MW depending upon the technical limits of the system on either side. The operating agreement for purchase of power and the tariff rates have not been finalised.

Statement

Region Stat&System		(All Figures in MU net)	
		April, 1999-December, 1999 Requirement	Availability
NORTHERN REGION			
1.	Chandigarh	802	802
2.	Delhi	13565	13199
3.	Haryana	12100	11779
4.	Himachal Pradesh	2294	2287
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	4345	3687

Region State/System	(All Figures in MU net)	
	April, 1999-December, 1999 Requirement	Availability
6. Punjab	21140	21001
7. Rajasthan	18360	17453
8. Uttar Pradesh	33245	29249
WESTERN REGION		
1. Gujarat	37681	34859
2. Madhya Pradesh	25857	24357
3. Maharashtra	53325	50722
4. Goa	1328	1033
SOUTHERN REGION		
1. Andhra Pradesh	33126	31308
2. Karnataka	19804	18332
3. Kerala	9386	8697
4. Tamil Nadu	28571	26413
EASTERN REGION		
1. Bihar	6572	6106
2. D.V.C	6297	6457
3. Orissa	8002	8242
4. West Bengal	13468	13759
NORTH-EASTERN REGION		
1. Arunachal Pradesh	87.2	88.0
2. Assam	2170.9	2218.5
3. Manipur	334.2	311.3
4. Meghalaya	362.2	383.4
5. Mizoram	158.6	160.6
6. Nagaland	148.3	149.5
7. Tripura	434.6	441.5